उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य में इसी अवधि के दौरान सभी अनुसूचित वाणिज्यिक बैंकों द्वारा प्रत्यक्ष कृषि ऋणों के संबंध में की गयी वसूली का ब्यौरा इस प्रकार है :

जून को समाप्त हुए वर्ष	मांग	वसूली
1987	435.67	253.24
1988	457.69	262.93
1989	559.91	324.34

भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक की सूचना प्रणाली से उक्त जानकारी के लिए जिलावार आंकड़े प्राप्त नहीं होते हैं।

Vacancies of peons in Oriental Insurance Company Ltd.

405. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a good number of vacancies of 'peon' have been lying vacant in Oriental Insurance Co. Ltd. New Delhi since long;

(b) whether it is also a fact that interviews of the eligible candidates have since been completed in July, 1991;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for which the vacancies have not been filled till date; and

(d) by when, the said vacancies will be filled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) For filling up a few vacancies of peons which were notified in July 1991, the interviews of the candidates were completed in the last of October 1991 only. The verification of character and antecedents and medical examination, etc. of the selected candidates is in progress. Appointment letters to the finally selected candidates would be issued immediately after completion of the above mentioned formalities.

Seizure of hashish and heroin

406. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total quantity of hashish and heroin seized during the years 1989, 1990 in India smuggled from Pakistan, Burma and Sri Lanka and how many persons were arrested during these years; and

(b) what steps have been taken to check this illegal business?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The total amount of hasish and heroin seizures effected in India that originated from Pakistan, Burma and Sri Lank during the years 1989 and 1990 is as given below:—

(In Kgs.)

Year	Name of the country	Hashish	Heroin
1989	Pakistan	3892	1635
	Burma	..	20
	Sri Lanka	..	..
1990	Pakistan	3895	1697
	Burma	..	9
	Sri Lanka	..	..

A total of 9787 persons were arrested in the country during these years under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act. Sri Lanka is not a source country of above drugs.

(b) Various new and stringent legislative measures have been introduced in the recent years which resulted in discouraging drug trafficking in and through India. Some of these measures included vigorous and prolonged incarceration from 10 to 30 years, death penalty for repeat offences of some categories and trying such offences in Special Courts for speedy disposal. Such measures also include hitting directly at the traffickers' financial assets and properties by bringing in provisions in law ty derived from illicit drug trade. Multi-pronged enforcement drive by various enforcement agencies have also been undertaken.

RBI Immunity against foreign remittances

407. SHRI G. G. SWELL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India has adopted an immunity scheme whereby undisclosed overseas funds can be remitted with no questions asked;

(b) the amount of money that is estimated will come to the country in this manner; and

(c) whether the likely effect of the scheme on the economy has been studied fully before adopting it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. The Remittances in Foreign Exchange (Immunities) 1991 has been launched by Reserve Bank of India. While no firm target was fixed for deposits to be made under the Scheme, the response so far is generally encouraging. The Scheme was introduced to tide over the current difficulties relating to the balance of payments problems and to augment inflow of foreign exchange.

Percentage of loan recovery

408. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA. Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of loan advances recovered by each nationalised bank during the years 1989, 1990 and so far in 1991;

(b) whether the percentage of recovery is low; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The outstanding advances and overdues in respect of Public Sector Banks as on March, 1989 and March, 1990 (Latest available) as reported by Reserve Bank of India, is given below:—

(Rs, crores)

	Outstanding	Overdues
31-3-89 . .	80797	13096
31-3-90 . .	85497	13675

Bankwise Details are given in the statement (*See* below).

Various steps have been taken by RBI to reduce the amount of overdues and also to improve the recovery performance of the commercial banks in respect of their advances to various sectors. Some of the important steps are as follows.

(1) Banks have been impressed upon to institute a viable recovery